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Multi-agency team to prepare supplement to Grapevine Lake Master Plan

The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced today the formation of a multi-agency team tasked with preparing a supplement to the Grapevine Lake Master Plan. Team members include representatives from each city bordering Grapevine Lake, state and federal fish and wildlife agencies, trail and open space organizations, marina concessionaires, and staff specialists with the Corps of Engineers.

At an organizational meeting held in the Grapevine City Council Chambers on April 11, 2000, the Corps presented a proposal to establish the team to accomplish three major tasks: (1) to update the lake master plan objectives that guide the use of natural and man-made resources on federal property; (2) to examine all federal lands at Grapevine Lake to identify environmentally-sensitive areas that should be protected as the region surrounding Grapevine Lake undergoes rapid urban development; and (3) to study the land classification of several undeveloped recreation areas to decide what degree of future recreation development is suitable for these areas.

The study team is scheduled to complete its findings by the end of October 2000. Until that time, the Corps of Engineers has imposed a moratorium on new park and recreation leases or major amendments to existing park and recreation or concession leases that would involve the leasing of large land areas which would result in significant environmental impacts. Findings and recommendations made by the team will be made available for public comment prior to implementation.

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